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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 1828

1. WE WILL RECOMMEND THAT VP TRIP TO AREA BE ACCOMPANIED
BY PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS TO PMS ONN (AND LEE). WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON DRAFT FOR ONN CONTAINED
FOLLOWING PARA. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

AS YOU ARE AWARE, I HAVE ASKED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO
VISIT SEVERAL NATIONS IN YOUR REGION IN ORDER TO REFLECT
THE IMPORTANCE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I ATTACH TO ASIA
AND THE PACIFIC. HAD TIME PERMITTED, BOTH THE VICE
PRESIDENT AND I WOULD HAVE WISHED THAT HE ALSO VISIT
MALAYSIA. WE HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF OUR CONVERSATIONS IN
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WASHINGTON LAST YEAR AND WE ALSO KNOW THE IMPORTANT ROLE
MALAYSIA PLAYS IN THE REGION.

IN THAT REGARD, I AM VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE WILL AND
PROGRESS OF ASEAN. WE SHARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FELLOW

ASEAN MEMBERS THE CONVICTION THAT THE PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC

AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WHILE SEEKING HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES ARE KEY FACTORS IN THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE COHESION ACHIEVED NOT ONLY STRENGTHENS THE ORGANIZATION, BUT EACH OF ITS MEMBERS AS WELL. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR COOPERATION IN WAYS THAT ARE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE. WE ACCORDINGLY LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE US-ASEAN DIALOGUE TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON.

DURING HIS TRIP, THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL PRESENT OUR THOUGHTS ON SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES OF OUR TIME -- FOOD, ENERGY, AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. HE WILL ALSO BE CONCERNED WITH THE ONGOING PLIGHT OF REFUGEES AND THE INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE AGAINST NARCOTICS. HE WILL BE SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY THE VIEWS OF ASIAN LEADERS ON THESE AND OTHER MATTERS. I WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS REPORT. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ANY THOUGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE WHICH WOULD SUPPLEMENT OUR CONVERSATIONS OF LAST YEAR.

FOR MY PART, I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT SOUTHEAST ASIA AT SOME FUTURE TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, A NUMBER OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ISSUES PREVENT ME FROM UNDERTAKING SUCH A TRIP THIS YEAR.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.
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2. QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR'S POSSIBLE TRAVEL WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER DATE. VANCE

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